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Sir:

Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on December 16, 2003 from the Examiner's final rejection dated September 16, 2003. Applicant herein submits an amendment to the pending claims for the Examiner's consideration.

If any fees for the accompanying response are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account 09-0528.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.